

PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Mangiardi et al.
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Title: COATED STENT WITH GEOMETRY DETERMINED
FUNCTIONALITY AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.